

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): The orthosis cuff according to claim 1, characterized in that 11, wherein the ~~cuff (1)~~ functional component is produced from stiff leather or plastic and comprises a ~~stiff functional component (2)~~ surrounding the lower leg on all sides, as well as closing elements ~~(6)~~ overlapping each other and being located on the ends of the functional component ~~(2)~~.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The orthosis cuff according to claim 3, characterized in that wherein the closing elements ~~(6)~~ are belts on a first side and corresponding buckles on a second side.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The orthosis cuff according to claim 3, characterized in that wherein the closing elements ~~(6)~~ are ribbons made of hook and loop fastener material on a first side and corresponding eye on a second side.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The orthosis cuff according to claim 1, characterized in that 11, wherein the cuff (1) functional component is a ring (7) open on one side and made of elastic material whose elasticity forces the ring into its form surrounding the lower leg.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The orthosis cuff according to claim 6, characterized in that wherein the ring (7) is made of highly elastic plastic.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The orthosis cuff according to claim 6, characterized in that wherein the ring (7) is made of highly elastic metal.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The orthosis cuff according to claim 7 wherein the highly elastic plastic is polycarbonate.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The orthosis cuff according to claim 8 wherein the highly elastic metal is stainless steel.

Claim 11 (new): An orthosis cuff for the treatment or therapy of Ledderhose's disease or hypermobile foot joints, comprising

(a) a functional component made of stiff material adapted to the outer contour of a wearer's lower leg and surrounding the

lower leg near the upper ankle joint so that when the cuff is worn the mobility of the wearer's upper ankle joint and the Achilles tendon is not restricted; and

(b) a pad having a convex surface arranged on an inside portion of the functional component so that when the cuff is worn the convex surface rests anterolaterally on the wearer's leg against the fibula and tibia in the region of the wearer's tibiofibular syndesmosis so that the tibiofibular syndesmosis is stabilized.